

Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs)

What are they?

Is Japantown one?

Should it be designated as one?



Two Models of Historic Preservation

☐ Designate and Protect

- Places are formally designated
- Once designated, cannot be destroyed
 - ☐ Very limited exceptions
 - ☐ Alterations only with permission

☐ Identify and Consider

- Relatively informal identification process
 - Properties are considered in planning
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Examples

- ☐ Designate and Protect
 - Most local landmark programs
 - ☐ Identify and Consider
 - Federal Section 106 process
 - ☐ §106 of National Historic Preservation Act
 - ☐ Hybrid
 - National Register nomination
 - ☐ Formal designation process
 - ☐ Affords only consideration in planning
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What is a “Traditional Cultural Property?”

- A place that someone regards as important for its association with cultural practices or beliefs...
 - Rooted in a community's history; and
 - Important in maintaining cultural identity
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TCPs and the National Register of Historic Places

- A TCP is eligible for the Register if it meets the Register's Criteria

(36 CFR 60.4)

- "Integrity" plus

- A. Association with events/patterns or
 - B. Important people or
 - C. Characteristic of something or
 - D. Data (or dig)
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Where did the TCP concept come from?

- Enactment of NHPA – 1966
 - Great emphasis on local significance
 - Evolution in 1970s/80s
 - “Professionalism”
 - Detailed documentation
 - Triggering Section 106 cases
 - San Francisco Peaks, Arizona
 - Poletown, Detroit
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How to identify and evaluate TCPs for the National Register of Historic Places

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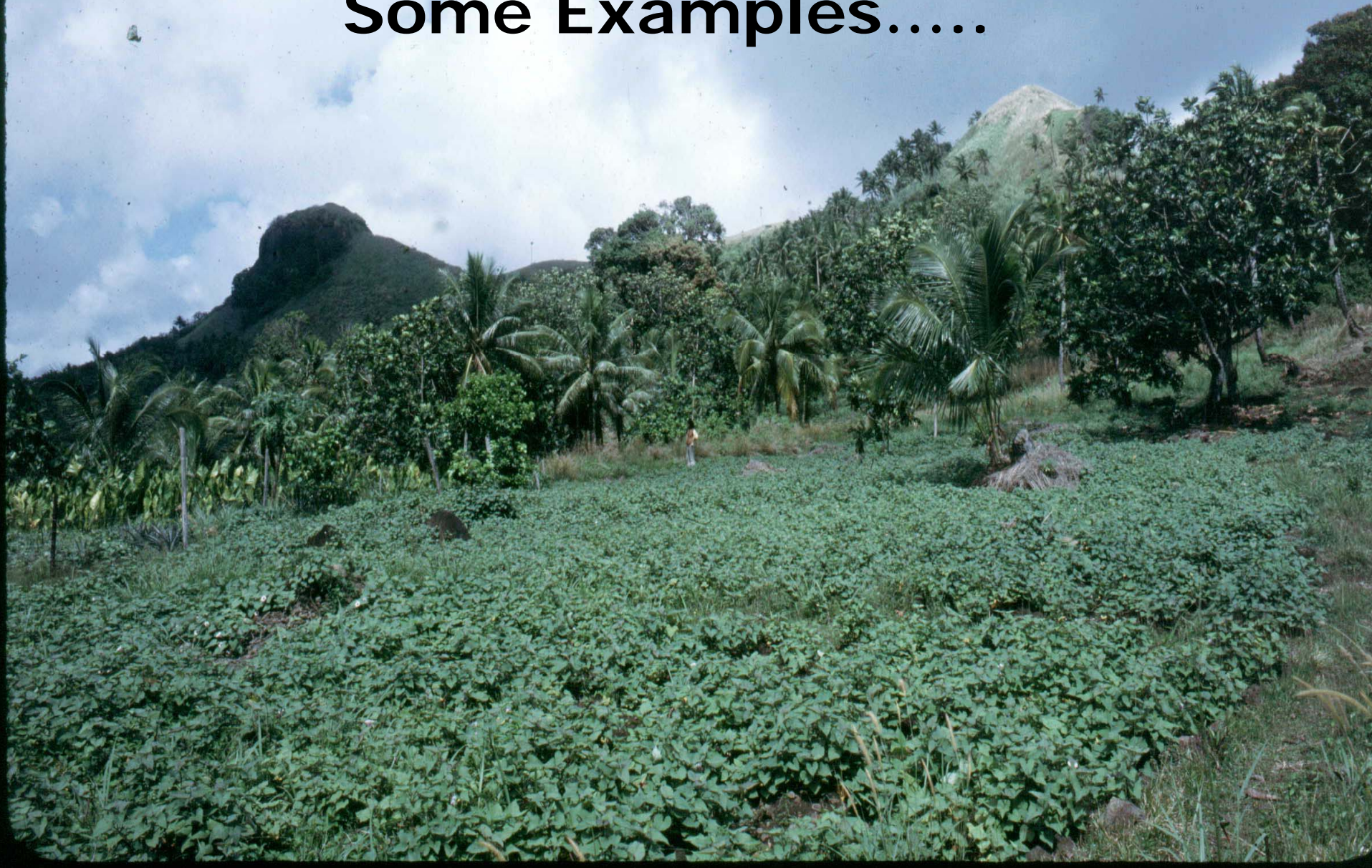
Technical information on comprehensive planning, survey of cultural resources, and registration in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Traditional Cultural Properties



Some Examples.....







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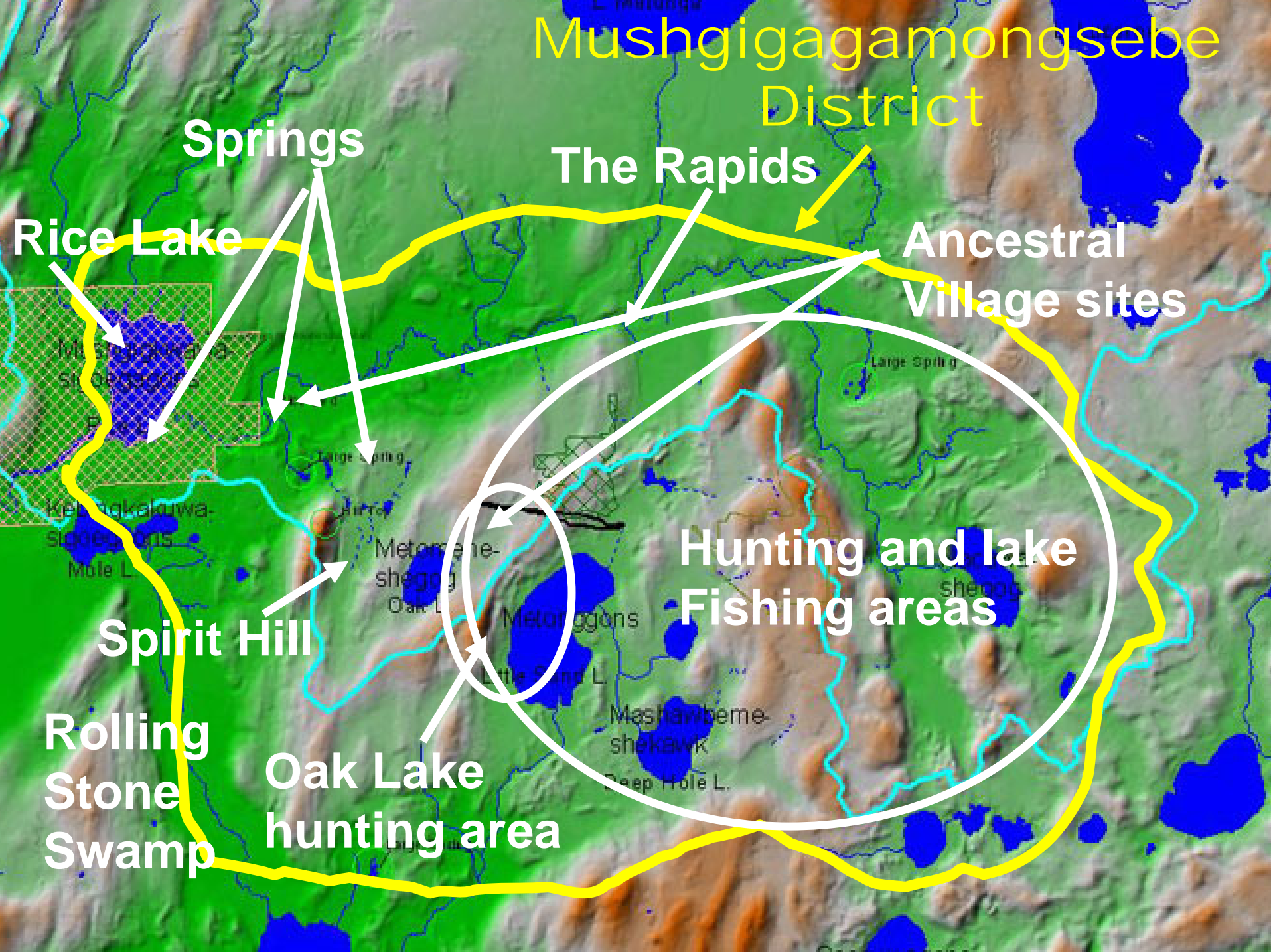


Matachines Dance Site

El Rancho, New Mexico







Mushgigagamongsebe District

Springs

The Rapids

Ancestral Village sites

Hunting and lake Fishing areas

Spirit Hill

Rolling Stone Swamp

Oak Lake hunting area

Rice Lake



An Indian Thing?

- ❑ TCPs identified thus far are mostly important to indigenous groups
 - ❑ Nothing in Bulletin 38 is exclusive to such groups
 - ❑ Everybody has TCPs
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But....

- ☐ TCP concept developed in 106 world
 - Identify and consider model
 - ☐ Does it make sense in a local landmark program like San Jose's?
 - Designate and protect
 - ☐ Do you want to “protect” Japantown?
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